

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the requirement for an election, applicants provisionally elect Species V (Figs. 12 and 13) for prosecution herein. Claims 1-11 read on the elected species, and if no generic claim becomes allowable, applicants retain the right to file a divisional application for non-elected species.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 8 in an effort to clarify the claimed subject matter in accordance with the disclosure. In all nine disclosed species, a connector comprises a base member having a particular surface which is cohesive and partially exposed without being covered by an electrode terminal or electrode terminals. When the magnetic connector is connected with a mating connector, the particular surface is brought into contact with the mating connector by magnetic force of a magnetic force generating portion included in the base member. Inasmuch as the particular surface is cohesive, the magnetic connector is adhered to the mating connector.

Examination of the claims on their merits is respectfully solicited.

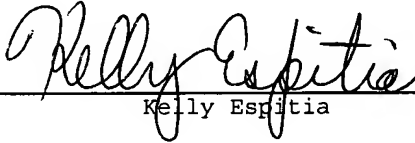
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